

# Steve's Report



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By Steve Seale

Our oldest daughter, Katie, arrived home safely from Thailand on Friday. It was such a joyful reunion. Having all four children around the dinner table once again - something we haven't been able to enjoy for a few years - has been a real blessing and has filled Cindy's and my hearts with true happiness.

When our two oldest children left home, we were very pleased that they were going to serve missions for the church. But in the back of our minds we knew that they would be coming back home again - at least for a while. And now that they're home, Cindy has made it clear that she doesn't want any of the rest going anywhere for them going anywhere for the time being - at least 7-10 months after the holiday. She wants them to have time to develop memories and bonds, ties to our new home - so that when they come back for visits, it feels like coming home.

I think "most parents struggle when it comes to letting go of our 'young uns.' In our minds, we want our children (and we will always think of them as our children) to grow up and become successful, responsible members of society. In our hearts, however, we want to hang onto them and keep them with us forever. While this struggle between head and heart is natural, parents who listen to their hearts more than to their heads usually don't act in their child's best interests.

For several years, Cindy worked as a substitute teacher and encountered many children who had obviously never been taught how to sit still, to listen and obey, or to respect authority. She also noticed that whenever the worst behaved children would get into trouble, their parents were usually the first to show up at the school, shouting accusations at the teacher and the principal (or both) for not doing their jobs, or for singling out their "poor, innocent" child.

If I understand why some parents react that way, the natural instinct is to protect our young and

to protect our immediate defense. But by following their hearts instead of their heads, these parents are depriving their children of the discipline they need in order to learn responsibility. They are literally hurting the ones they love.

On the other end of the spectrum, around 1903 when my grandfather was in the third grade, he had a hard time keeping his mouth shut. He was constantly talking out of turn and bothering the students around him. His teacher warned him several times to be quiet, but Grandpa kept it up. Finally, the teacher called him to the front of the classroom, had him stand beside his tall, ladder-back chair, stick out his tongue and bend over. The teacher then took a hatpin, jabbed it through Grandpa's tongue and into the chair.

When Grandpa went home that afternoon with a bandage around his tongue, his parents were

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To Whom it may Concern

What happened to John Jones at Crockett's? He quit because of a disagreement between John and myself. He was not fired.

We have insurance and will have until the end of April and I am paying full premium. We have always paid half of the employees premium.

We have never been anything but nice to John. When he got his first trailer, we paid for it and he paid it back as rent. Second trailer, we paid for and allowed him to live in it free of charge. All he paid was his utilities.

Another part he had was my basketball tickets at no cost to him, furnished the car and gasoline and until this year, Bobby had paid parking. He always drove up until this year, when he was having problems with his eyes. It seems that a lot of people who think John was mistreated. Ask him.

Hope this takes care of the bashing you all have given Bobby and myself.

Carolyn G. Crockett

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## NICHOLAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL-BASED COUNCIL ELECTIONS: PARENT ELECTIONS

The Nicholas County High School Football Boosters (the largest NCHS parent organization) will be holding an election on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. to place two parent members on the School Based Decision Making Council (SBDM) for the 2009-2010 school year. Absentee ballots will be accepted at the high school between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on the same day. If you wish to run for a position on the council please submit a written letter of nomination and return it to Mrs. McCall at the Nicholas County High School by 3:00 p.m. on May 14, 2009. A listing of candidates will be available on May 15, 2009 in the office. Below you will find information about the council and election.

Letter of Nomination Due	Listing of Candidates Available	Absentee Ballots Accepted	SBDM Parent Election
Thursday, May 14 by 3:00 P.M.	Friday, May 15	Tuesday, May 19 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.	Thursday, May 19 5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

**WHAT IS THE SCHOOL BASED DECISION MAKING COUNCIL?**  
The council is the governing body for the school. It determines school policy for curriculum, staffing, discipline, space, scheduling, instructional practices, extracurricular activities, and all pertinent matters for the operation of the school. The council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

**WHO SERVES THE COUNCIL?**  
Two parents, three teachers, and the building principal.

**WHAT PARENTS MAY RUN FOR COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP?**  
Any parent, stepparent, foster parent, or legal guardian of a student who will be attending the school during the parent's term of office (2009-2010) may serve, even if employed by the school district. The candidate(s) must not work in the school in which the candidate will serve on the council or in the district office.

**WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF OFFICE?**  
Those elected will serve a one-year term beginning on July 1st and ending on the following June 30th.

**HOW WILL I KNOW WHO IS RUNNING FOR OFFICE?**  
The slate of nominees will be posted at the Nicholas County High School Office by Friday, May 15, 2009.

**WHAT DO I DO IF I WANT TO RUN AS A PARENT REPRESENTATIVE?**  
Complete a nomination letter and return it to NCHS by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14. You may nominate yourself or be nominated by a parent of a NCHS student to be enrolled for the 2009-2010 school year. Nominations from the floor are not permitted.

**WHO MAY VOTE IN THE ELECTION?**  
Parents, stepparents, foster parents, legal guardians of students will be attending NCHS for the 2009-2010 school year.

**WHEN DO WE VOTE?**  
Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Votes will be accepted from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the NCHS office. Election time begins again 5:30 p.m. that evening. You will have to come to the school and register before you can place your vote. The votes will be counted at 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election. Any parent is welcome to be at the election tally and is encouraged to do so in case of a tie. An immediate new vote will be taken in case of a tie.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**April 23, 24 & 25**  
Barterville United Methodist Church  
Barterville United Methodist Church invites you to attend revival evangelist Bro. James Hickerson. First time in our area for revival. April 23, 24, 25 special singing starts at 6:30 p.m. Thursday - Headquarters Choir, Friday, Donna Dixon and Keith Smith, Saturday Rose Hill Church.

**May 7 & 8**  
Saint Edward Altar Society Yard Sale  
The Saint Edward Altar Society of Cynthia, KY, will hold their 3rd Annual Yard Sale May 7, 8 & 9, at the Florence Tobacco Warehouse, Republican Rd. (Ky Hwy 392 & Odville Pike (US Hwy 62 E). Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday. We will have available baby and children items, toys, clothing, appliances and electrical items in working condition, clean bedding, household & glassware items. Some antiques may be available. For more information on this charity (13 years) if you have benefited from our service in military (united in marriage,

comforted in times of sorrow, etc.) and have enjoyed his friendship, please come and extend your appreciation and best wishes to him. The church will be having usual Sunday services with Sunday School at 9:30 and worship at 10:30 a.m. Pot Luck lunch will be served between Noon and 1:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**May 7 & 8**  
Circle of Friends  
Please join a circle of friends who are grieving the loss of parents on Thursday evenings - 5 weeks beginning May 7th from 6:30 p.m. at the Georgetown - Scott County Public Library. To register call Martha Clay at 859-234-6492 or 800-756-6005

**Project Graduation to meet on Mondays**  
Project Graduation will be having a meeting every Monday at the High School Library at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Paula Hunter at 859-289-3702.

**Dogs available for adoption**  
Nicholas County Animal Welfare Society has dogs available for adoption. 473-2714 or [www.ncaws.org](http://www.ncaws.org).

**Dougherty Lodge #65**  
F&AM to hold meeting  
Dougherty Lodge #65 meets the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. above the Mathers Grange Funeral Home. All masters mason are welcomed to attend.

**Blue Lick Lodge #495**  
F&AM to hold meeting  
The Blue Lick Lodge #495 meets the Last Saturday of each month at 7:30 P.M. All Master Masons are welcome to attend.

**Orient Lodge #500**  
to hold meeting  
The Orient Lodge #500 meets the second Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. All Master Masons are welcomed.

**N.C. Adult Learning Center News**  
The Adult Learning Center offers a flexible schedule and personalized instruction to help students successfully complete their GED. The center offers students the opportunity to study at their own pace and

her at her at Rev. Alvin Ecklar's home. She is also the mother of Rev. Jerry Watkins and has two sons deceased.

Rev. Howard Livingston had the service at the Nursing Home on Sunday. He asked Phyllis Brady to be prayer and he spoke on "Prayer." Faye Letchler sang a special and Helen McKee played the piano and sang a special.

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